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DEPT PASS TREASURY; PARIS PASS SECY SHULTZ PARTY

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP GW (SHULTZ, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SHULTZ AND PARTY

REF: PARIS 5857

1. SUGGESTION FOR TWO HOUR MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH COMES NOT FROM US BUT FROM MINISTER SCHMIDT PERSONALLY. PRESUMABLY BOTH TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

3. ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S IS IN CHARGE OF GOVT'S DEFENSE OF ITS ECONOMIC REPORT IN BUNDESTAG DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR WHOLE DAY OF MARCH 15 AND THEREFORE HAS SUGGESTED THAT MEETING WITH HIM AND HIS OFFICIALS TAKE PLACE IN EARLY EVENING DURING WORKING DINNER AND AFTER DINNER DISCUSSIONS. WHILE DISCUSSIONS WITH FRIDERICH'S WOULD PRESUMABLY FOCUS MORE ON TRADE QUESTION, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT HE, TOO, IS INTERESTED IN MONETARY MATTERS. FRIDERICH'S IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF GERMAN/ SOVIET TRADE COMMITTEE AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN TO MOSCOW. HE WILL ALSO WANT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE REALIZE THIS SCHEDULE PROVIDES FOR SOME DUPLICATION,
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BUT RECOMMEND AGAINST REQUESTING COMBINED FINANCE/ ECONOMIC
MINISTRY MORNING SESSION WHICH MIGHT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR FRIDERICH, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF TRADE MATTERS, TO
ATTEND. HILLENBRAND

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